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VA to Collaborate with Community for Mental Health Summit

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 29, 2013 — VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is hosting a Mental Health Summit Sept. 6 to collaborate with community partners from around the area in a special dialogue about the mental health needs of local Veterans.

The summit is part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' effort to enhance the mental health and well-being of Veterans and their family members through increased collaboration between VA and the community.

Recognizing the need to create a support system for the nation's Veterans, VA facilities across the country are hosting summits to focus on a variety of issues such as homelessness, substance abuse, Post-Traumatic Stress and services for women Veterans as they pertain to mental health.

VA NWIHCS's Mental Health Summit will host key supporters from the area including local civic and congressional office staff, county mental health departments, local health care and educational institutions, Veteran service organizations, military liaisons and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

WHAT: Media are invited to take part in the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System Mental Health Summit

WHEN: Sept. 6, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Auditorium, 600 S. 70th St, Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic)

MEDIA NOTE: News media representatives who are interested in covering the summit are requested to contact the VA NWIHCS Public Affairs office by noon Sept. 5 by calling 402-995-4719 or emailing William.ackerman@va.gov.

About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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